DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 227

[Docket No. 900387-1268]

Threatened Fish and Wildlife; Listing of Steller Sea Lions as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce. ACTION: Final rule, technical amendment.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this final rule to implement a technical amendment to the regulations establishing protective measures for Steller sea lions. Those regulations were issued pursuant to the authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and prohibit the shooting at, or

within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of, Steller sea lions, and restrict entry in buffer areas around key rookeries. These key rookeries with geographic buffer area coordinates are listed in 50 CFR part 227. Inadvertently, the set of geographic coordinates for Attu Island were reversed in the final rule that established the buffer areas. This technical amendment corrects that error in the regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1991. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final listing of the Steller sea lion as threatened under the ESA was published on November 26, 1990 (55 FR 49204). Protective regulations that accompanied the final listing prohibit the shooting at or within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of Steller sea lions, and restrict entry in buffer areas around key rookeries. These key rookeries are listed in Table 1 to 50 CFR 227.12(a)(3). The table indicates that the buffer area around each site extends in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic

coordinates along the shoreline at mean lower low water to the second set of coordinates. Inadvertently, the set of coordinates for Attu Island published in the final listing were reversed. This technical amendment corrects the error in Table 1 of the regulations.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 227

Endangered and threatened wildlife.

Dated: November 7, 1991.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 227 is amended as follows:

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1. The authority citation for part 227 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

In § 227.12, Table 1 to paragraph (a)(3) is amended by revising line 35 to read as follows:

§ 227.12 Steller sea lion.

(a) * * *

(3) * *

TABLE 1.-LISTED STELLER SEA LION ROOKERY SITES 1

	Island			From		То		NOAA	Notes
				Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	chart	
	•	•	•	•			•		
35. Attu I	•	*	•	. 50°54.5 N	172°28.5 E	52°57.5 N	172°31.5 E	16420	Cape Wrangell.

¹ Each site extends in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates along the shoreline at mean lower low water to the second set of coordinates; or, if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the site extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.

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